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Dear Sir;

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper accompanies the application filing papers under 35 USC 371 of PCT/CH2004/000260.

Prior to calculating the claims fee, without prejudice or traverse please amend the claims of the application to read as indicated following.

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) A dispensing device for dispensing a volatile material to an ambient environment comprising:
  - a refill which includes a reservoir containing a volatile liquid, and a porous wick having a lower portion extending within the reservoir and adapted to be in fluid communication with said volatile liquid within the reservoir and an upper portion extending outside of the reservoir and adapted to be in fluid communication with an ambient environment, wherein the upper portion of the porous wick has a shaped recess;
  - and,
  - a housing element adapted to engage the shaped recess in the upper portion of the porous wick when the dispensing device is assembled.
- 2.(currently amended) A process for preventing the use of inappropriate refills in an air treatment device which comprises contemplates the step of providing:
  - a refill device comprising a shaped recess in the upper portion of a porous wick,
  - and
  - a housing element adapted to engage the shaped recess when the dispensing device is assembled.
- 3.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
  - the shaped recess of the wick defines a cavity having an open end, and a bottom end within the upper portion of the porous wick.
- 4.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:
  - the shaped recess of the wick includes a tapered region.
- 5.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 4 wherein:
  - the tapered region of the shaped recess is adjacent to a top end of the wick.

6.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:

the shaped recess of the wick defines a cavity having an open end, a tapered region adjacent to the top end of the wick, and a cylindrical region extending downwardly from the tapered region of wick.

7.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 6 wherein:

the shaped recess terminates at a bottom end terminating the cylindrical region of the shaped recess.

8.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 6 wherein:

the tapered region and the cylindrical region are concentric with the central axis of the wick.

9.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:

the shaped recess of the wick is a channel extending through the upper portion of the wick.

10.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein:

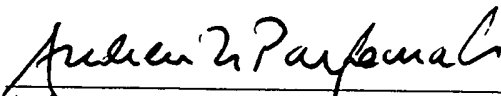
the shaped recess of the wick are two intersecting channels extending through the upper portion of the wick.

11.(new) A dispensing device according to claim 1 which further includes a fan.

Remarks:

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